

Delta Old and New Ideas

Old Idea	New Idea
1. The Delta is unchanging.	The current Delta is temporary. Sea level rise, land subsidence, and levee failure doom today's Delta.
2. More fresh water is always better for the Delta ecosystem.	Variability and fluctuation are important for a healthy ecosystem.
3. Delta users cannot adapt to change.	Delta users can adapt to change, and have no alternative.
4. Incremental changes will solve the Delta's problems.	Major changes are needed in Delta policy.
5. State and Federal governments will pay to keep the Delta as it is.	Federal and state resources are limited. Beneficiaries must and should pay; they will pay more if the Delta fails.
6. We have insufficient knowledge to make drastic changes in management of the Delta	The Delta is well studied and we can make some reasonable choices, even in the face of uncertainty.